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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Ford, et al.
Appl. No.: 10/612,502
Filed: July 3, 2003

Confirmation No.: 3494
Group Art Unit: 3721
Examiner: Hemant Desai

For: PRODUCT PACKAGING SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
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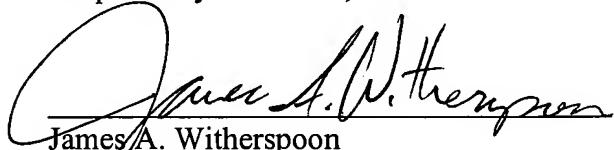
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| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | + 180 | \$ | + 360 | \$ |
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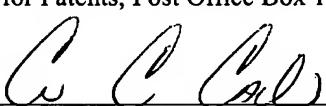
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.